

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 0.8586 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within Right of Way of existing NH-63 road.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-2022/CR.215/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 30.09.2022

Reference:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Gadchiroli /ID-14258/926/2022-23, dt.14.07.2022.

Preamble:-

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.8586 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within Right of Way of existing NH-63 road Sironcha Tahsil, Dist. Gadchiroli to the State Forest Department.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.803 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for trenching and laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within Right of Way of existing NH-63 road Sironcha Tahsil, Dist. Gadchiroli.

2. The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Itemwise Break-up of Land of Forest Land Diversion proposal for Laying Underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in ROW of NH-63 on Sironcha to Asarali Route in Sironcha Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli													
Sr. No.	District	Taluka	Range	Round	Beat	Village	ForestLand						Legal Status
							Survey No.	Comptt. No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq/m)	Area (Hect)	
1	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha-2	Janampallicheck	61		1277.5	0.6	766.5	0.0767	Unclassed Forest
2	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha-1	Sironcha	71		265	0.6	159.0	0.0159	Unclassed Forest
3	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha-1	Sironcha							
4	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha-2	Janampallicheck							
5	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Rajanapalli							
6	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Rajanapalli							
7	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	RajeshwarpalliChak							
8	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Mugapur							
9	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Pentipakachek							
10	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Tumnurcek		SP030	695.9	0.6	417.5	0.0418	PF
11	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	Tumnurcek		SP030	238.4	0.6	143.0	0.0143	PF
12	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Tumnur-1	Tumnurcek							
13	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Tumnur-1	Tumnurcek							
14	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Tumnur-1			SA257	1818.6	0.6	1091.2	0.1091	RF
15	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Tumnur2			SA258	2425.6	0.6	1455.4	0.1455	RF
16	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Waddam-1			SA259	2232.8	0.6	1339.7	0.1340	RF
17	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Waddam-1			SA261	783.6	0.6	470.2	0.0470	RF

18	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Waddam-1			SA262	1987.5	0.6	1192.5	0.1193	RF
19	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Waddam	Rangdampeta			SA265	2034.6	0.6	1220.8	0.1221	RF
20	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asaralli	Laxmideopetha-2	Gangiramanapeta							
21	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asarali	Laxmideopetha-2	Gangiramanapeta							
22	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asaralli	Laxmideopetha-2	Ankisa							
23	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asarali	Laxmideopetha-2	Balmutapur							
24	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asaralli	Laxmideopetha-2	Asaralli							
25	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asaralli	Laxmideopetha-2	Golagudammal							
26	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Asarali	Asaralli	Laxmideopetha-2	Asaralli		AP013	202.2	0.6	121.3	0.0121	PF
27	Gadchiroli	Sironcha	Sironcha	Sironcha	Arda	PentipakaChak		SP029	348.4	0.6	209.0	0.0209	PF
TOTAL:-									14310		8586.1	0.8586	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land for diversion along with Stage-I compliance.
- 3) Deputy Conservator of Forests shall verify the kml and confirm whether OFC is proposed to be laid along NH-63.
- 4) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2 meter depth & 0.6 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 5) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 6) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 7) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 8) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 9) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 10) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 11) The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 12) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 13) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 14) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.

- 15) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 16) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 17) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 18) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 19) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 20) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 21) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 22) In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.
- 23) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the User Agency.
- 24) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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